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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Sarah White, Alan Ziegaus

Absent: Susan Atkins, Katie Sullivan, Abby Silverman Weiss

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Diane Bednarski, Deputy Director; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering and Capital Projects; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Punky and Anne Fristrom, Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 25, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Ann McDonald

The Friends are delighted that effective Monday, June 4 branch libraries are now open on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The annual meeting for the Umbrella Friends will be held on Saturday, September 8. Members of the Central Friends are planning to attend this meeting and present a draft proposal for the opening and operation of a bookstore at the New Central Library.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: None

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

Mr. Hawkesworth thanked the commissioners for their advocacy efforts at their recent meetings with each Council Office where they presented the Library's Budget Priorities for FY 2013.

The dome sails encasing the Reading Room of the New Central Library are currently being installed. Also being installed are the sun screening slats on the sails.

The San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report in May that highlighted the San Diego Public Library as one of the organizations that is doing an outstanding job and providing noteworthy community services. The Grand Jury further stated the New Central Library will be a *"tremendous asset to the East Village and will be an iconic landmark on the San Diego skyline."*

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta thanked Commissioners Sarah White and Abby Silverman Weiss for participating in the recent meetings with each Council Office where they presented the Library's Budget Priorities for FY 2013.

Commissioner Giametta thanked Ms. Barrow for the opportunity to serve as one of the members of the interview panel for the recently conducted interviews for the Central Library Deputy Director position.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Darren Greenhalgh

Mr. Greenhalgh gave an update on the new Central Library. The project is on schedule and work on the dome should be finished in August. It is anticipated that work on the auditorium will begin in September, and that the grand opening of the library will be held in July 2013.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- Construction of the dome on the New Central Library has generated positive interest from the public. Ms. Barrow has been contacted by numerous vendors who are interested in the New Central Library.

- Interviews for the Central Library Deputy Director position went really well and Ms. Barrow hopes to make an announcement in a few weeks of the candidate selected.
- Interviews were held and a new Senior Management Budget Analyst has been selected to replace Mark Saunders, who recently retired. Arwa Sayed will transfer from the Treasurer's Office and start her new job with the Library Department on Monday, June 11. Mark will continue to work limited hours to assist Arwa with the transition.
- Interviews for the Information Technology Resources Program Manager position will be held in the next few weeks, prior to the end of June. There are a number of good candidates that will be interviewing for the position.
- Effective Monday, June 4, Branch Libraries are now open from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Issues with the phone system were City-wide and will be addressed.
- The Grand Jury report issued last May had very positive comments on both the San Diego Public Library system and the County of San Diego Library system.
- Congratulations to the San Diego County Library for being selected as the "2012 Library of the Year" by the Library Journal and Gale Cengage!
- ALA is being held June 22-26, 2012 at the Anaheim Convention Center. One-day passes to view the exhibits are available. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and can contact Library Administration for further details.
- A handout was distributed to the commissioners announcing that ALA and CLA are offering a special joint membership for library commissioners at a reduced rate.
- The date for the Library to appear before the Audit Committee to discuss the Library's cash handling procedures has been changed to Monday, June 14, at 9:00 am. However, through the Business Process Reengineering process City-wide delivery functions have been consolidated and are now the responsibility of the Purchasing Department. A decision is pending as to which department will attend the meeting.
- Ms. Barrow thanked Council Member Zapf for generously providing the funding for the San Diego Circuit fees for FY 2012 start up, and FY 2013 annual fee. The San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is a charter member of Circuit and has been involved in the planning process since its inception. Becoming an active member in the Circuit will allow SDPL to offer its patrons access to the vast print collections of the other Circuit libraries, including UC San Diego, San Diego State University, CSU San Marcos, University of San Diego, University of San Diego Law Library, and San Diego County Library.
- The Central Friends have met with Library staff regarding their proposal for a bookstore at the New Central Library. Many potential issues need to be addressed including revenue from sales. Also under consideration are the opening and operation of a library café, and the hiring of a property manager.

10.c Legislative Update

None.

10.b Budget Update

On Friday, May 18 the Mayor presented to Council his May Revision to the FY 2013 Proposed Budget. Due to an increase in City revenue growth of \$12.2 million, Mayor Sanders recommended \$1.1 million of this increase be used to fund additional hours at Branch Libraries and the Central Library. If approved by Council, an additional 3 operational hours will be added to the Branch Libraries, and 5 operational hours will be added to the Central Library. The additional hours added to the Central Library will enable it to re-open on Saturdays. The Library hopes to implement the additional hours in September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the 4th of July holiday the next commission meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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